MEASURE I Working for the North Desert Area

San Bernardino County's half-cent transportation sales tax

Measure I Revenue, The First 10 Years

1990-91: \$587,996

1991-92: \$873,237

1992-93: \$914,236

1993-94: \$1,110,924

1994-95: \$774,797

1995-96: \$847,364

1996-97: \$1,069,936

1997-98: \$1,223,491

1998-99: \$964,123

1999-00: \$1,038,083

Total: \$9,404,187

Figures include interest income





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"Maintaining the quality of San Bernardino County's vast transportation network is a high priority, and one that has a direct impact on the quality of life for our residents. Measure I funds provide financial support needed for streets, roads, signals and public transit throughout our county."

-- Bill Postmus, San Bernardino County Supervisor Vice President, SANBAG Board of Directors

Adopted by San Bernardino County voters in 1989, Measure I is a major source of revenue for transportation improvements in the county's unincorporated area in the North Desert. This 20-year half-cent sales tax has provided more than \$9 million for this area during the first 10 years. Local officials make decisions about the allocation of these funds. In the North Desert area, 65 percent of the funds are designated for regional highways and major streets, 30 percent goes toward local streets and roads and five percent is used to offset Barstow Area Transit fares for elderly and disabled passengers. Measure I clearly is working for the North Desert area!

North Desert area projects: A decade in review

f the Measure I funds received each year by the San Bernardino County North Desert area, 65 percent is used for improvements to streets that function as major arteries in the region. Some of these regional arterial projects have included:

- Resurfacing and traffic signal installation on Main Street, 1992-2000 (\$1,322,833)
- New asphalt overlay on National Trails Highway, 1992-2000 (\$701,451)
- Widening and intersection construction on Baker Boulevard, 1993-2000 (\$616,160)
- Resurfacing and drainage on Kelbaker Road, 1992-1994, 2000 (\$484,523)
- Reconstruct road, drainage, asphalt overlay on Rimrock Road, 1994-2000 (\$325,393)
- New signal, drainage and asphalt overlay on Trona Road, 1993-1999 (\$266,888)
- Drainage and erosion repair on Lenwood Road, 1993-1994 (\$209,220)

The North Desert area spends **30 percent** of its Measure I funds for improvements to local streets and roads. Selected local projects are:

- Improvements to roads in Newberry Springs, Trona, Yermo, Lenwood, Daggett, Hinkley, Barstow, Skyline East tract and mountain/pass areas, 1993-2000 (\$531,272)
- Improvements to Lenwood Road, 1992 (\$264,002)
- Slurry seal and resurfacing on Black Canyon Road, 1994-1995 (\$204,979)

The remaining five percent of Measure I funds are designated for public transit. The North Desert area supports the Barstow Area Transit with funding for operational expenses. This contribution allows elderly and disabled passengers to ride at lower rates. During the past decade, this area's contributions have totaled \$284,146.